TRANSMITTAL LETTER Docket No. 18896 (General - Patent Pending) In Re Application Of: Kirby Siemering, et al. Confirmation No. Customer No. Group Art Unit Application No. Filing Date Examiner 10/535,434 September 14, 2006 Katherine D. Salmon 23389 1634 6151 GENOTYPING OF DEAFNESS BY OLIGONUCLEOTIDE MICROARRAY ANALYSIS Title: **COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:** Transmitted herewith is: - Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 and 1.143 in the above identified application. No additional fee is required. A check in the amount of is attached. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 19-1013/SSMP as described below. Charge the amount of Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional fee required. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. Dated: April 14, 2009 Signature Xiaochun Zhu

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